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President's Note

My first few months as PTO president have been a whirlwind of activity. It has been exciting to meet so many new and returning Colfax families. I value our community's diversity and the range of experiences we all bring to the school. Serving in the PTO, for me, is about facilitating connections among Colfax families.

Thanks to generous donations from our families and the proceeds from the fall Spiritwear sale, we have already brought in over \$20,000 to support our school. I am striving to spend these funds thoughtfully and with maximum impact – already we have completed one of our largest initiatives, offering each Colfax teacher \$100 to use for their classroom. We also ordered 150 extra Spiritwear t-shirts for the PBIS store this November so that all Colfax students have a chance to show their school spirit.

Our community has also been generous with their time. Special thanks to Ashley Ingram for taking on the role of Volunteer Coordinator this year. Our roster of Recess Volunteers has really increased, and it is great to see a parent volunteer with the K-3 kids most days. Shouts out to: Jo Conrad, Lyndsay Dolan, Akiko Kohyama, Nanako Mitsufuji, and AJ Murga for coming in to help tie shoes and support our children at recess. More volunteers are always welcome. Reach out to Ashley if you are interested.

Our VP of Special Events Sarah Grubb has started off our year with a ton of fun – from Movie Night to Fall Fest (p. 4-5), the turnout has been amazing! We've got even more events planned through the end of the year. Our goal is to offer as many free family activities as possible.

Our annual Ask Drive in December is around the corner – this fundraising campaign is the primary source of our funds for next year. Your continued support ensures we can fund enriching programs like the Grow Pittsburgh gardening program (p. 9) and field trips to Frick Environmental Center (p. 14) and the Frick Museum.

Join us at the next PTO meeting on Wednesday 11/8, 6-7pm in the Colfax Library. I'm eager to hear your ideas to further enhance our children's experience at Colfax.

Sincerely,

Kelly Anderson
PTO President

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Principal's Letter



Greetings!

The month of November always reminds me of how grateful I am for the support that the Colfax community has shown our students and teachers. Not every school gets to experience how amazing a school can be when parents and the school team work together to do what's best for our kids! We have accomplished so much in these first nine weeks of school. And there is so much more to come! This collaborative team has yet again proved a commitment to providing educational enrichment opportunities for our kids through our Frick Environmental Field

Trips, purchasing of science supplies, book giveaways, and so much more! In addition, over 200 families came to participate in our Fall Festival. If you missed out, we have so many more events designed to bring our families together for good times and fellowship.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents and friends of Colfax who volunteer within and outside of our building. Colfax is an amazing community comprised of many parts. And you are an important part! If you have not yet found an opportunity to participate, I encourage you to do so. We are always looking for additional support. To volunteer at any school or school-sponsored event such as recess/cafeteria, classroom support, classroom parties, field trips, or school events—any event in which you will be assisting with any child that is not your own—will require:

1. A volunteer intake form
2. PA Child Abuse clearance
3. PA Criminal clearance
4. Federal Fingerprints OR Waiver Request and Residency Requirement for individuals who have resided in PA for 10 consecutive years. More information and copies of these forms are available at www.pghschools.org or <http://www.colfaxpto.org/volunteer>.

Finally, I am very excited to announce that we are officially fully staffed! We look forward to introducing our two new teachers and paraprofessional in upcoming information that will be sent out via Talking Points. An introduction letter will be sent out to specific families after the new hire process is completed. Thank you for all of your patience and understanding during the leveling, interviewing, and onboarding process.

Yours in Education,

Dr. Woods

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Fall PTO Events

FALL FEST REVELS IN GOLDEN MOMENTS

BY PATRICK BARRY, COLFAX PARENT

Is there anything better than kids running and playing at a Fall Fest on a beautiful fall day? It was hard not to smile as children made crafts and played impromptu tag on the school's front yard at this year's Colfax Fall Fest. The weather was perfect and the sunset spectacular, and everyone seemed to have a fun time — the kids most of all.

The line for popcorn was always long, and little paper trays of caramel apples were everywhere. By the school garden, kids learned how to make leaf prints. On the lawn, people were playing carnival-style bag toss games.

But the most popular activity was apparently just rolling sideways down the grassy hill. Some things never change.

Grownups stood around chatting and laughing, while the kids ran around screaming and tackling each other. The DJ played "Let it Go" and all the movie-soundtrack favorites, as babies bounced and flailed their arms to the music.

"I touched the snake!" one kid boasted. The Science Bus had a live snake that children could work up the courage to touch, along with a Tesla coil, internal anatomy model, and other hands-on things to explore.

In the craft area, kids strung beads to make Day of the Dead skulls. At another table, they patiently glued colored tissue paper to clear plastic candle holders to make decorated luminaries. At another, they attached colored construction paper to sticks to make ball-shaped lanterns.

As the sky darkened, the red and green lasers from the DJ booth made spinning pinprick constellations on the school's brick walls. The light show and music drew in some kids for a dance party. Other kids just watched the lights, puzzling out which ones made which patterns.

On the walk home, after it was dark and we could finally tear my daughter away from dancing like a rock star with her friends, she announced, with that full, unfiltered sincerity that little kids can have: "Best! Day! Ever!!"



Fall PTO Events



FALL FEST BY THE NUMBERS

- 350+ attendees
- 33 volunteers
- 120 corndogs eaten
- 15 rounds of popcorn popped
- 170 luminaries decorated
- 1 live snake on a bus
- 100+ elementary kids singing along to "Let it Go"
- <\$300 net expense to PTO



FALL MOVIE NIGHT

BY SARAH GRUBB, VP OF SPECIAL EVENTS

The PTO kicked off our series of community events with the Family Movie Night in September, featuring *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* and *Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life*. We were blown away by the amazing turnout - 325 people! We shared pizza, popcorn, and candy with friends and belted out "Peaches" with Jack Black. It is so much fun to see the wide variety of items that kids bring to sit on for the show. We saw blankets, cushions, squishmallows, and even a blow-up mattress. We had a great group of volunteers getting people in the doors, handling the concessions, and working the AV equipment. It's wonderful to have so many people willing to step up and help with events that strengthen our school community. We're looking forward to the next movie night in January and hope to see you there!



Upcoming PTO Events

SAVE THE DATE

Playground Meetup @ Wightman
Saturday, November 4

Ice Skating @ Hunt Armory
Friday, December 8

Fun Run @ Colfax to Frick Park
Sunday, November 19

Winter Movie Night @ Colfax
Friday, January 19

Playground Meetup @ Blue Slide
Sunday, December 3

PTO Meeting @ Colfax
Wednesday, January 10

COLFAX 1st ANNUAL PTO

FAMILY FUN RUN 2023



**Sunday, November 19th
11:00 AM**

JOIN US FOR A SCENIC 1.5-MILE RUN IN FRICK PARK WITH YOUR COLFAX FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

KIDS RUN FREE!

REGISTER HERE

REFRESHMENTS • GIVEAWAYS • FAMILY FUN

FOOD DONATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE LOCAL FOOD BANK

Save the Date

Family Ice Skating Night

Friday December 8, 2023
Hunt Armory
324 Emerson St, 15206
6:00 - 8:00pm



Please note - the location is not the same as previous years. Schenley Ice Rink is not open this year

PLAYGROUND MEETUPS BUILD COMMUNITY

BY LINDSAY DRAGAN, COLFAX PARENT



When my daughter was born seven years ago in Brooklyn, I remember feeling kind of lost once the smoke cleared from those first few hazy months of new motherhood. We had very little (read: nothing) of any sort of disposable income, so if I wanted to take my daughter out on the town, it had to be free or nearly free. There were all kinds of bespoke playdates, toy stores, baby stores, singalongs, but of course they were ultra-gatekeepy and were usually kept safely behind an entry fee or subscription of some sort. Not exactly welcoming to new parents on a tight budget, like me.

The real gems, though, I eventually came to realize, were the free services provided by the city, by the libraries, and the awesome playgrounds and spray parks the five boroughs boast. The people who staffed those storytimes and singalongs were so incredibly invested in their community. You could feel it. Some of my daughter's first friends were made there, on those carpets, playing with those blocks. So, when we moved to Pittsburgh in 2017 when she was one, I had a better idea of how to plug myself back into the community in which I grew up. Find the public, community-centered initiatives.

As she got older and she entered school, like so many parents, I was excited and really nervous to meet other families. So, when I found out the Colfax PTO was holding a kindergarten meetup at Blue Slide Park, it immediately reminded me of taking her to the Brooklyn Public Library for the first time, and all that anxiety and stress just kind of melting away. She immediately clicked with a few other incoming kindergarteners, and she counts those kids among her close friends to this day. They took turns surfing down the Blue Slide on squares of cardboard, climbing all over the playground structures, and periodically stopped to grab a sip of juice or water, provided for free by the PTO.

These simple, free to Colfax families, playdates have been an easy, accessible way to take part in the school community. I like that they're no-frills; just show up at the designated playground at the designated time, and let your kiddos go have fun. The playgrounds chosen are generally pretty close to bus stops (we East Enders are spoiled by pretty good public transit), snacks are always provided, and it's an easy way to get unstructured playtime into your child's day. And, it's an easy way to meet other parents and participate in your community. Simply meeting other parents has given way to other playdates, helping out with the fundraising gala, getting the scoop on sports programs, and a lot more. We've actually attended every single one since that first kindergarten meetup because we've come to know these other families and believe that you get what you put in.

Good community care is essential to a strong society and learning how to be a good neighbor. It doesn't have to be bespoke, or curated, or perfect. Sometimes, it's just an afternoon meetup at the park with some friends and some snacks.



RECESS VOLUNTEERING

BY ASHLEY INGRAM, PTO VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Recess volunteering is in full swing!

Volunteers can assist at recess by helping staff, taking students to the lower playground, and setting out games and crafts on the stage for inside recess. It is a very simple and easy volunteer opportunity, and a great way to see your child during the day!

Even with a busy schedule, you can help during recess. Choosing a certain day each week, coming in once or twice a month, or at different days whenever you are available—you can sign up to volunteer at recess however it fits your schedule.

Clearances are needed to volunteer at recess! If you don't have your clearances yet and need help with the process, you can email me at volunteers@colfaxpto.org.



PTO TEACHER GRANTS

BY GEOFF HILSABECK, COLFAX PARENT

The annual teacher grants provided by the PTO have already found their way into classrooms and other learning spaces. Every year the PTO provides a \$100 grant to every teacher that applies with a specific request. This money goes toward classroom materials of various kinds. Indeed, to read the list of how different teachers used the grants is to be given a small glimpse into the dynamic world of learning being conjured every day inside the school building.

Teachers have used the money to purchase books for read-alouds, manipulatives for math and reading, prizes to enhance the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) initiatives, and posters that reinforce content knowledge and help create a positive school culture that supports student growth. What else? Science games, crayons, clipboards, marbled compositions books for dictation, flavored tongue depressors to help students articulate difficult sounds like *r*, a paper cutter and laminator to make student-friendly task cards, and, of course, needed supplies for the classroom hamster, fish, and snake. (What does a bag of frozen mice cost these days?)

The teachers do appreciate it! Second grade teacher Julie King: "It really makes a difference. We are so lucky to have our parents and PTO." And we are so lucky to have such dedicated teachers.

FALL GARDEN UPDATE

BY FARMER IAN, GROW PITTSBURGH

Hello Colfax Garden Family

The fall has been a busy and wonderful time with 1st grade students joining me and Farmer Caroline and Farmer Sarah in the garden for weekly garden classes. It was a treat to see some of you at the Fall Festival, and I look forward to seeing more of you throughout the year.

Potato Harvest:

Our students recently had the pleasure of unearthing potatoes from the garden. This hands-on experience allowed them to understand the process of growing and harvesting their own food. Kudos to our dedicated garden team and volunteers for making it all possible. We harvested a total of 205 potatoes! These will be roasted and brought back in for tasting.

Nature Art Creations:

As the impending frost threatens to take away our garden's green and colorful flowers, we celebrated in the garden the color that we all searched for on our first day together. The students were encouraged to take flowers, leaves and other natural materials and add to the colorful and artful celebration of the garden that Farmer Caroline started with some bright red leaf hearts. We had students building everything from flower decorations to little umbrellas for Buddy, Mrs. Morgano's class Bee friend! We love our pollinators so we made sure to leave some flowers for those late nectar-loving insects.

Apple Tasting from Our Five Apple Trees and a Tree Update

Our school orchard was in full swing with five apple varieties, with varying levels of productivity. The students had the chance to taste apples straight from the trees. This orchard isn't just a source of tasty snacks; it's also an outdoor classroom for learning about fruit trees and their life cycles. The rest of the apples were harvested and turned into fresh apple sauce that was tasted at the Apple Party. Unfortunately, it also appears that we might be saying a final farewell to one of our trees. The plum tree that was growing in between the apples appears to have suffered a significant blow due to a boring insect. We are waiting to see if it comes back next spring, but if not we will remove it and think of new opportunities for that garden space.

And of course, bugs (and annelids and land crustaceans)

What garden class would be complete if we didn't explore all of the other things living in our garden. I think everyone's favorite (for those who love looking at little living things) is the *Armadillidium vulgare*! This is also known as the common pill-bug, potato bug, woodlouse, or everyone's favorite **roly poly**. These are little land crustaceans that help eat up the dead plant material, which in turn helps our soil! Soil is full of life! And what's an annelid? Well, our favorite one is the earthworm that we love to see because they also help eat up decaying and dead material and turn it back into richer soil. Of course, we were also able to talk about the spotted lanternfly, our new and complicated garden visitor. They really have a problem with respecting personal space, which is a great learning opportunity as they often land unannounced, and uninvited!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns or interest in volunteering or helping our gardening efforts, please feel free to reach out to ian@growpittsburgh.org

Happy Fall to you All!



TREASURER'S REPORT

BY ROSS INGRAM

We have had a great start to the school year, and that includes the PTO's financial activities, putting our community dollars to work for our kids. We have received nearly \$20,000 in donations (with company matching) from our very generous Colfax families. Thank you so, so much!

We directed \$4,900 of these funds to purchase gift cards for our teachers. These gift cards are used to purchase classroom supplies that the teachers would otherwise pay out-of-pocket! We directed an additional \$5,000 to purchase back-to-school "backpacks" for students in need, back-to-school night festivities for all, back-to-school teacher luncheon, supplemental classroom supplies, and rentals for an ice skating community event (planned for December). Lastly, we directed \$4,000 of our funds to pay last year's bills (that we received this school year) that supported field trips to Frick Pittsburgh, Heinz Hall, and Phipps Conservatory and our yearly PBIS Rewards software renewal.

Please visit <https://colfaxpto.org/treasury/> for an official record of all of our financial activities.

JOIN THE SPRING FUNDRAISER PLANNING COMMITTEE!

The 2024 spring PTO fundraiser needs YOU!

The fundraiser, formerly known as "Party for Play", is a social event for parents, guardians, teachers, and adult friends of our great school. Whether you helped 10 years ago, last year, or never before, we want you to join us. We are looking for anyone who has helped in the past so we can continue to build on the great fundraisers that came before, and also want fresh faces with new ideas.

Please email jenbigham@gmail.com to be added to the planning committee list, and you will receive information on our first meeting.



COLFAX PTO
FALL SPIRITWEAR
FALL SALE
WAS A SUCCESS!

225 items sold
\$2400+ raised for PTO!

Items will be available
for pickup Mid-November

Questions?
fundraising@colfaxpto.org



COLFAX WRITERS' CORNER

CELEBRATING STUDENT CREATIVITY AND EXPRESSION

Follow Your Passion

By a Colfax Student

Lucas closed his eyes as he sunk his middle finger deep into the piano key. When he opened his eyes, it was just him in a vast sea of emptiness, all that mattered was him and the piano. As he began to play he hit the notes like it was a routine, as he was just carelessly flowing through the notes. In the middle of the vast ocean a figure appeared, his own mother. He was suddenly transported back into his living room with a livid mom.

"What did I tell you Lucas! Only homework and reading," the mom said.

"But..." "No buts. Now go to your room," the mom cut him off.

That night Lucas dreamt he was on a stage performing in front of an audience the size of a high school. As he began to play, the audience began to roar, however suddenly stopped as someone walked onto the stage. As he looked around it was once more a vast sea of darkness, and standing in front of him was himself carrying a book.

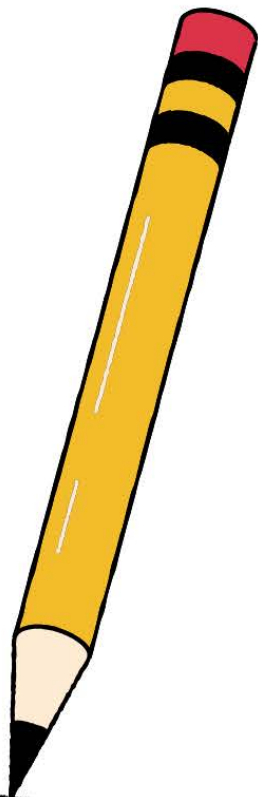
His perspective turned into 3rd person as one version of himself played piano music and one rushed around the stage doing work. While not in reality, it felt like such a hectic scene, an external climax at its peak. Suddenly both stopped and began to walk away from each other. It was like a great sea splitting into two, however both paused and began walking towards each other. They combined into one and bowed as the audience reappeared and began cheering. Lucas had found himself.

STUDENT WRITERS NEEDED

Colfax PTO is looking for student writers to be featured in the Colfax Communicator quarterly newsletter! We welcome fiction and nonfiction.

Please speak with Mrs King in Room 210 or email communications@colfaxpto.org if you are interested!

We will publish three more issues this school year. We can't wait to hear what you have to say!





WHAT IS COLOR WARS?

BY CURRENCE BIGHAM - 8TH GRADE

Color Wars is a game occurring once every school year where the middle school students are split into teams labeled by colors. They will participate in academic and non-academic challenges to win prizes such as pizza parties and extra recess time. These games act as a break from the school day, and many students enjoy their experiences. Some of the games include Trasketball, Squid Games, and "Can You Build It?", where students compete for a sportsmanship award, and to win the most games overall for their teams.

Student reviews:

"It was so fun! We learned to work together and support each other on things we had to do. Also, we had time to meet other students and talk with them and make new friends!!"

-Elysa Movassagh

"It was fun to be with friends and play games together."

-Emme Anish

"I liked the variety of activities."

-Peter Sedgewick

"I enjoyed not knowing who you are going to work with! It was exciting and the games were very fun. Also getting dressed in a specific color."

-Rebecca Abelev

"I liked winning! I was on green team."

-Alexa Aguilera Rodriguez

Community Spotlight



MEET KLAIR — IT'S FREE BY JULIE KAPSCH, COLFAX PARENT

Isn't it great when someone enjoys their job? Well, Klair Fox loves her job! Klair is our crossing guard at the corner of Beechwood and Phillips, and she finds pleasure in interacting with kids and parents as she helps them get to school safely.

When I approached Klair to interview her for this piece, she was joking with some of the kids and yelling after them to keep laughing! She then turned to me and said, "With this job, you have to have a sense of humor, you have to like kids, you have to like people - all different types of people - because if you don't, this isn't the job for you. And if you can make money doing what you love, do it!"

Klair's journey to care for our families started when her parents moved to Pittsburgh from Hungary in 1955, and it has been her home ever since. Klair has had many work adventures, including working at a chemical plant and owning her own landscaping business, before taking time off to have her son. When she re-entered the workplace, she found her crossing guard calling. She managed an Alderdice corner for 20 years before joining us this year at Colfax. I asked Klair how they compare; she loves both, but truly enjoys giving advice to the little ones. (And what wonderful advice she bestows! I heard her call out, "Be kind - it's free!" and "Be thankful - it's free!" as she ushered kids across the street.)

In her free time, Klair enjoys agility training with her Springer, babysitting her son's dogs, taking care of her fruit trees, and relaxing with her husband of 37 years in her beautiful back yard. Her approach to all things in life is with a kind sense of humor. She had me laughing the entire time we were chatting, telling me one vibrant story before the next.

Make sure you introduce yourself to Klair next time you cross her corner on your way to school. I have a feeling you will get some of that sage advice yourself, such as, "You have to know who you are in your life - don't worry about what others think you are," "Turn the TV off more!" or that reminder we may all need most while rushing around in the morning: "Have fun - it's free!"

FIRST GRADE VISITS FRICK ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

**BY BREA GRADY,
FIRST GRADE TEACHER**

In September, first grade students got to take their first walking field trip to Frick. During the visit, students discussed the characteristics of meadows and became familiar with some of the small animals that live in the meadows of Frick Park. Some saw a praying mantis and grasshoppers!

The students engaged in a meadow exploration activity and did a stewardship project to help replant the meadow for next spring by collecting seeds from plants in the meadow and making seed balls. Then they got to toss their seed balls into the meadow. This experience helps students understand how to respect and take care of nature. The students thoroughly enjoyed their time at Frick!



CONGRATS!

Colfax Cross Country Teams Win City League Championships

By Jen Bigham, Colfax Parent



Colfax cross country had another fun and successful season this fall. Over 60 runners took to the trails with Coach Lydon for four weeks, working on their speed and endurance and giving their best efforts on training and race days. The girls and boys teams competed in three regular season meets, then ended the season mid-October with the city league championships. While the season started with two meets in almost 90 degree heat, they ended the season with perfect fall racing weather, and personal best times by all competitors.

This season the athletes had smiles on their faces, competition in their hearts, and great results on the Schenley Park course! Colfax girls and boys cross country teams both won the City League Championships against 18 other PPS schools. Colfax also had the individual race champions, 8th grader Demi Reck on the girls' side and 7th grader Sam Shorkey on the boys' side. Coach Lydon was a positive force for the team, and everyone appreciates him so much. His closing season comments were "I'm just so proud of the entire team and how they all appreciated the importance of just seeing themselves getting better."

Way to go, Cobras XC!

MEET THE COLFAX STUDENT TEACHERS

Ms. Grace
Hourigan
University of Pittsburgh



Hosted by:
Ms. Grady

My Fav's

Color: Blue

Animal: Giraffe

Subject: Language Arts

Sport: Baseball

Movie: Pride and Prejudice

Tell us more...

Why do you want to be a teacher? *I have always loved working with kids and even tutoring peers my own age! It is my passion to provide kids with the knowledge they need to meet their goals and achieve their passions!*

What is one goal you set for yourself and accomplished? *I set the goal to graduate college, and this May I received my bachelor's degree from Pitt in Applied Developmental Psychology!*

What advice would you give your students about school? *I would say to not be so hard on yourself! Everything will work out in the end if you put in your best effort.*

Name something you would like the CX community to know about you. *In 5th grade I won the Young Author's Contest for my entire county. Now, I love helping other kids express themselves and find their passion for writing!*

MEET THE COLFAX STUDENT TEACHERS

Ms.

Emily McBeth

University of Pittsburgh



Hosted by:
Mrs. Stefanyak



Tell us more...

My Fav's

Color: *Green*

Animal: *Squirrel*

Subject: *Math*

Sport: *Swimming*

Movie: *The Barbie Movie*

Why do you want to be a teacher?

I have always been inspired by the teachers I have had in my educational career to become an educator who helps students and provides the best learning environment possible for them to succeed.

What is one goal you set for yourself and accomplished?

Working with my mentor teacher to create a welcoming and inclusive classroom!

What advice would you give your students about school?

Never give up, you can do anything you set your mind to!

Name something you would like the CX community to know about you.

I love art and creative work!

MEET THE COLFAX STUDENT TEACHERS

Ms. Emma
Morganstein
University of Pittsburgh



Hosted by:
Mrs. Morgano

My Fav's

Color: Yellow
Animal: Giraffe
Subject: Reading
Sport: Baseball
Movie: Castle in the Sky

Tell us more...

Why do you want to be a teacher? *I've always had a passion for teaching. I love cheering on students who were struggling as they grasp a difficult concept, and working hard to figure out the best strategy that will help each student reach that deeper level of understanding.*

What is one goal you set for yourself and accomplished? *I wanted to learn how to crochet so set a goal to crochet a shirt! It took a while but I was so proud of the final product.*

What advice would you give your students about school? *I would tell my younger self to take school seriously, but to remember that my worth is not only defined by my grades. Instead focus on personal growth and becoming a better and kinder person every day.*

Name something you would like the CX community to know about you. *I am so excited to be placed in this school. I have learned so much from being here and can't wait to apply these techniques to my future classroom.*

THE PTO DOES THAT?

Joining the PTO doesn't mean signing your life away volunteering. It means you believe in the students, staff, and families at Colfax! Being an active member of our PTO and contributing to our fundraising campaigns, you are making ALL kinds of quality programs and events happen for ALL of our students!

JUST SOME OF THE PROGRAMS WE SUPPORT!



Staff Appreciation



Field Trips



Playground Updates



Classroom Enhancements



Fall Fest



Student Art Show



Middle School Dance



Movie Night



Teacher/Classroom Supplies



Chess Club



Student Rewards



School Musical



Ice Skating Night



Spring Carnival



GROW PITTSBURGH
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Gardening Program

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Annual Ask Drive



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